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Agricultural and Technical College,
Greensboro, N. C.,
November 15, 1922.

President Dudley:

I am handing you below amount of state appropriations, regular and special, from May 20, 1912. Hope this is what you asked for. If not, let me know.

From May 20, 1912, to May 20, 1913—
 State appropriation (regular)\$13,875.00
 State appropriation (special) 13,125.00
 Total\$27,000.00

From May 20, 1913, to May 20, 1914—
 State appropriation (regular)\$12,500.00
 State appropriation (special) 16,125.00
 Total\$28,625.00

From May 20, 1914, to May 20, 1915—
 State appropriation (regular)* \$13,750.00

From May 20, 1915, to May 20, 1916—
 State appropriation (regular)\$15,000.00
 State appropriation (special) 4,000.00
 Total* \$19,000.00

From May 20, 1916, to May 20, 1917—
 State appropriation (regular)* \$15,000.00

From May 20, 1917, to May 20, 1918—
 State appropriation (regular)* \$15,000.00

From May 20, 1918, to May 20, 1919—
 State appropriation (regular)\$15,500.00
 State appropriation (special) 7,500.00
 Total\$23,000.00

From May 20, 1919, to May 20, 1920—
 State appropriation (regular)\$16,000.00
 State appropriation (special) 6,000.00
 Total\$22,000.00

From May 20, 1920, to May 20, 1921—
 State appropriation (regular)\$24,000.00
 State appropriation (special) 10,000.00
 Total\$34,000.00

From May 20, 1921, to May 20, 1922—
 State appropriation (regular)\$26,500.00

Respectfully submitted,
 A. T. WHITSETT,
 Secretary-Treasurer.

* Note decreasing support during war period.

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Greensboro, North Carolina,
December 12, 1922.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, HONORABLE CAMERON MORRISON, GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA.

Dear Sir:—We have the honor of herewith transmitting to you the report of James B. Dudley, President of the Agricultural and Technical College for Negroes, Greensboro, North Carolina.

This report will inform you fully as to the splendid success achieved by the college during the past two years, the disheartening obstacles that stood in the way of this success, and the many opportunities it has of becoming a still greater factor in the industrial development of the Negroes in North Carolina.

We beg to call your attention to the following facts:

1. Very great and very gratifying success has been achieved by the college during the past two years.

2. This success has been achieved in spite of the lack of money and the equipment necessary to secure the greatest results and necessary to enable the college to admit all who wish an industrial education.

3. Because of lack of room for all who wish to attend the college the enrollment has not increased for the past ten or fifteen years. Neither parents nor the college authorities are willing for their sons to board in the city away from the restraining discipline of college authority. The inability to house more students on our campus has prevented an increase in numbers. And yet we have had an enrollment of more than four hundred annually.

4. The college has been forced into debt to the amount of \$31,000 which has slowly accumulated during the past years. This debt was unavoidable because of the lack of adequate appro-

priations to meet the increased expenses of operation during and since the World War. This indebtedness is very small when we remember that it has been accumulating during so many years.

The future is full of opportunities for service by the college. It is one of the state's finest means of increasing its material advancement.

With increased accommodations we can bring to the college one thousand industrial negro youths. These young negro men, after having been trained at the college in agriculture and the mechanic arts, will return to their homes prepared to live lives of greater usefulness to themselves and their state.

We hope that the attendance will no longer be held where it has been for years merely for the lack of room and necessary support.

We believe that the people of the state are heartily in favor of the legislature's enabling the college to open its doors to all who wish to be trained for efficiency on the farm and in the various fields of mechanic arts.

In spite of its lack of means its success has been phenomenal and its work has won the high approval of the national government experts who have carefully inspected its work from time to time.

We confidently rely on your constructive ideas and your proverbial state pride for help and encouragement in our request for such legislative enactments as will enable us to admit and instruct the many negro boys who ought to be in the college and who would be in it but for the lack of room and increased teaching force.

We have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

(Signed) M. C. S. NOBLE,

(Signed) C. M. VANSTORY,

(Signed) A. M. SCALES,

(Signed) F. W. DUNLAP,

Executive Committee.

Agricultural and Technical College,
Greensboro, North Carolina,
December 11, 1922.

MR. M. C. S. NOBLE, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES, AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COL-
LEGE FOR THE NEGRO RACE, GREENSBORO, NORTH
CAROLINA.

Sir: As president of the Agricultural and
Technical College for the Negro race it becomes
my duty, through you, to seek legislative atten-
tion to the urgent needs of this institution. As
briefly as possible I shall endeavor to indicate
what is necessary for the progress and growth
of this institution, leaving with you, His Excel-
lency, Governor Morrison, our Board of Trus-
tees, and the Legislature the responsibility of
administering to these needs as wisdom and con-
ference may best determine. The urgent needs
upon which the future growth and usefulness of
this college materially depend are:

I. ANNUAL MAINTENANCE, \$100,000.00

North Carolina owes both to itself and to its
Negro citizens that there should be at least one
standard technical college within its borders that
will relieve Negro parents of the necessity of
sending their sons to more expensive institutions
of the north. The educational authorities in the
state and nation now declare that such a college
should have a minimum annual appropriation of
\$50,000 in order to do effective work and secure
recognition. Our experience justifies this opin-
ion. We are, therefore, asking for that amount
together with an annual appropriation of \$25,-
000.00 for our trade school and \$25,000.00 for the
equipment and general upkeep of the buildings.

In order, therefore, that the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College for the Negro race may maintain its rank among other Land Grant Colleges of the country for Negroes and at the same time render its greatest possible service to the state, we believe that it actually needs an annual maintenance of \$100,000.00.

II. GENERAL FUND, \$501,000.00

1. **Indebtedness, \$31,000.00.**—This indebtedness represents an accumulation of years preceding the world war. The causes are:

(a) Unusual advance in the cost of all supplies with decreasing appropriations to meet this advance.

(b) The general advance in teachers' salaries throughout the state and nation made it necessary for the college to go in debt in order to hold its teachers.

(c) The United States Bureau of Education a year or two ago began a movement to require the Negro Land Grant Colleges to raise the standards of their courses of study. It was necessary for us to meet these requirements in order to continue to hold our rating by the government as one of the best of these institutions.

(d) The buildings were in urgent need of repairs that could not be delayed and the cost of these repairs compelled an increase in our indebtedness.

2. **Dormitories, \$200,000.00.**—The college dormitories at present will accommodate one hundred sixty students. The barracks building erected without any appropriation, during the world war, while unfit for winter use, will accommodate one hundred students; that is, only two hundred sixty students can be accommo-

dated on the campus. The other students have to look for lodging in the city. Many parents will not send their boys to the college when it is impossible for them to live on the campus under its restrictions and protection.

For fifteen years the growth of the college in numbers has been prevented by lack of sufficient dormitory space. The general overhead expenses of the college could be decreased and its usefulness increased by the erection of additional dormitories which are sorely needed to take care of those who wish to attend college, but cannot for lack of dormitory accommodations. Fully five hundred more young men every year would apply for entrance to the college but for the well known fact of dormitory space being so limited.

3. Dining Hall, Kitchen and Laundry, \$70,000.00.—Our present dining hall will seat three hundred. This often necessitates our having to serve meals in relays; that is, to serve six meals a day instead of three, which adds to the cost of operation.

The kitchen which answered the purposes twenty-five years ago is now entirely too small and affords no space for modern labor-saving devices that would facilitate labor and reduce the cost.

The college is badly in need of a laundry. The work is now being done away from the campus and is expensive and annoying.

4. Library, \$50,000.00.—A library is a necessary equipment of the college. In our crowded condition, while we have not the amount of books needed, we have no space for the limited supply to be used to advantage. The college, therefore, greatly needs a library.

5. **Land, \$125,000.00.**—The future growth and expansion of this college makes the extension of its campus imperative. The college campus should include all lands between its present location and East Market Street. At the time this college was established this land could have been bought easily for \$5,000.00, but now it will cost \$125,000.00 and it is rapidly increasing in value. A careful and secret survey has been made under my direction and the amount asked for is, I believe, a moderate estimate. Even with this amount, in order to secure the land it will be necessary to confer upon the college authorities power to resort to condemnatory proceedings.

6. **Repairs, \$25,000.00.**—With the decrease in the provisions for the general upkeep of this college during the war period when the prices had reached their peak, the wear and tear of college property was at its worse. The college was used for military purposes—training more men for the war than any other Negro Land Grant College in the nation, whereby proper attention to necessary repairs could not be given. The amount asked for this purpose is very moderate and is necessary to put the college property in a creditable condition.

III. MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT

\$164,179.55

1. **Carpentry Division, \$800.00.**—The carpentry division needs this amount to add some modern equipment to its present outfit.

2. **The Masonry Division, \$459.25.**—The masonry division, a most popular one among our students, is asking this amount for needed additional equipment.

3. **The Broommaking Division, \$405.50.**—The broommaking division seeks this amount also for modern equipment.

4. **Power Plant, \$90,000.00.**—The present heating plant is now being over-taxed and cannot properly heat our buildings. The request is, therefore, made for \$35,000.00 for a power plant and \$40,000.00 for boilers and other equipment. Further request is made in this connection for \$10,000.00 for a spur track and \$5,000.00 for the land. This will be just one block from the college and will be a great saving to the college in the hauling of coal and other materials. This is a need that sooner or later must be supplied. The president once had an option on this land for \$1,500.00; at present it can be bought for \$5,000.00. *Later it will cost more.*

5. **Machine Shop, \$14,500.00.**—There is an increasing demand for Negro machinists as evidenced by the ease with which graduates of our machine shop are receiving employment. The department is now in need of modern equipment and the amount asked for is for the purpose of adding this much needed equipment.

6. **The Photographic Division, \$1,977.00.**—Photography is a new field for Negroes. In every community in North Carolina where Negroes live there is a demand for a Negro photographer. The division is, therefore, asking for provisions to supplement its present outfit to the amount of \$1,977.00 to prepare men for this new field.

7. **Shoemaking Division, \$652.80.**—This field of labor is constantly calling for trained, expert workmen and the college will render a great

service to the state and to the race by making this division more attractive and enabling it to be more efficient.

8. **The Blacksmithing Division, \$200.00.**—The present equipment that was furnished years ago has been well handled, but this division needs new and modern equipment to do effective work.

9. **The Auto Mechanics Division, \$15,185.00.**—The auto mechanics division has recently secured its new building which needs to be furnished. The amount it is asking for has been carefully considered as what is absolutely necessary for its proper equipment.

10. **Mechanical Building, \$40,000.00.**—In the present mechanical building which was built twenty-five years ago, the tailor shop is crowding other important branches. The machine shop needs more room and light. Therefore, an additional building is needed to provide a cleaner room for the tailor shop and quieter lecture rooms for recitations. The smoke, dust and noise of the machinery together with the growth of the department make this additional building necessary.

IV. AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

\$76,939.00

1. **Director's Office, \$2,181.00.**—In the Agricultural Department the amount indicated is needed for its efficient management.

2. **Animal Project Division, \$1,047.00.**—This amount is needed to teach some important small industries or agricultural projects that are important and serviceable on every farm.

3. **Chemistry and Physics Division, \$1,618.00.**—This amount is needed to enable the science course of the agricultural department to regain its former high standing and to retain it.

4. **Dairy Division, \$9,874.00.**—The dairy during the world war, for lack of labor and cost of supplies, was greatly reduced in equipment and service. The amount asked for is needed to enable it to regain its former state of efficiency and usefulness.

5. **Farm Division, \$16,152.00.**—The farm during the war with its management changing seven times in one season was very much demoralized. Under the present efficient management the farm's increased service and usefulness will fully justify this investment in additional equipment.

6. **The Greenhouse Division, \$4,756.00.**—In every community in North Carolina greenhouse work or floriculture presents an inviting field to Negro labor. The amount asked for is necessary for its proper equipment and progress.

7. **Campus, \$4,500.00.**—During the world war the appearance of the campus was severely damaged. It is important that the surroundings should be such as to exercise a wholesome influence upon the students and upon visitors. For this purpose the amount asked for is needed.

8. **Poultry Division, \$4,331.00.**—The poultry division presents a popular and practical vocation for the Negro youth. The college seeks to impress this field upon the students and its advantages and in doing so it needs the facilities to the amount requested.

9. **Equipment for Agricultural Building, \$30,000.00.**—The agricultural building, now nearing completion, will be the finest and the most imposing building on the campus. As the appropriation was not sufficient to construct this building, we have been drawing upon the generosity of our Negro friends to put in some desired features. There is no fund to provide for its permanent equipment and the amount asked for is necessary for the proper equipment of our excellent agricultural building.

10. **Teacher Training, Vocational Agriculture, \$2,500.00.**—The State Director of Vocational Agriculture informs us that the State Board of Vocational Education will be only prepared to advance us fifty per cent of its former allowance. As we have had the best Teacher Training Department in Vocational Agriculture of the Negro Land Grant Colleges of the country and desire to maintain that standard this division will need \$2,500.00.

SUMMARY

I. Annual Maintenance	\$100,000.00
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	\$100,000.00
II. General Fund	
1. Indebtedness	\$ 31,000.00
2. Two Dormitories	200,000.00
3. Dining Hall, Kitchen and Laundry	70,000.00
4. Library	50,000.00
5. Land	125,000.00
6. Repairs	25,000.00
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	\$501,000.00

III. Mechanical Department

1. Carpentry Division	\$ 800.00
2. Masonry Division	459.25
3. Broommaking Division	405.50
4. Power Plant	90,000.00
5. Machine Shop Division	15,500.00
6. Photographic Division	1,977.00
7. Shoemaking Division	652.80
8. Blacksmithing Division	200.00
9. Auto Mechanics Division	15,185.00
10. Mechanical Building	40,000.00
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	\$164,179.55

IV. Agricultural Department

1. Director's Office	\$ 2,181.00
2. Animal Project Work	1,047.00
3. Chemistry and Physics	1,618.00
4. Dairy Division	9,874.00
5. Farm	16,152.00
6. Greenhouse	4,736.00
7. Campus	4,500.00
8. Poultry	4,331.00
9. Equipment, Agricultural Building	30,000.00
10. Teacher Training, Vocational Agriculture	2,500.00
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	\$76,939.00

I. Annual Maintenance	\$100,000.00
II. General Fund	501,000.00
III. Mechanical Department	164,179.55
IV. Agricultural Department	76,939.00
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Total	\$842,118.55

In connection with this statement of the needs of this college, permit me to add that North Carolina has been kind and generous to the

Agricultural and Technical College, the principal state school for Negroes, in the past, and the result of the state's aid encourages me to hope for larger plans for the future. That the consideration shown this college has been a profitable investment is plainly seen in the encouraging fact that although the Agricultural and Technical College is the last established of the state's schools for the Negro race, already in nearly every community in North Carolina, where Negroes live, graduates or under-graduates of this institution can be found foremost in nearly every vocation of useful life and honorable citizenship. It is, therefore, with a great degree of confidence, that I respectfully submit the foregoing statement of the actual and urgent needs of the college for the next two years and sincerely hope you will be able to bring this matter to the careful and sympathetic consideration of the legislature to the end that we may be able to point to the Negro Agricultural and Technical College as the greatest Negro institution of the nation as suggested by His Excellency, Governor Morrison, because of the unequalled services it has rendered and is now rendering for the elevation of the Negro race, and its contribution to the progress of our state.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. DUDLEY,
President.

JOS. J. STONE & CO., PRINTERS, GREENSBORO, N. C.